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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is one of the few countries where passengers baggage-to-be checked is subject to pre-screening before being presented at the airlines check-in counter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has invited Global Tenders for In-line X-ray Baggage Inspection System (In-line XBIS) for Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Calicut and Srinagar Airport.

(c) Screening of hold baggage is being done before check-in because of the limitation in space at the concourse and the consequent inability of aligning the check in counters with X-ray baggage inspection systems.

Revival of closed airports

2107. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the airports in the country closed during the last few years:

(b) the reasons for closure of these airports;

(c) whether any such airports have so far been revived by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No airport has been closed by Airports Authority of India during the last three years (i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06).

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.